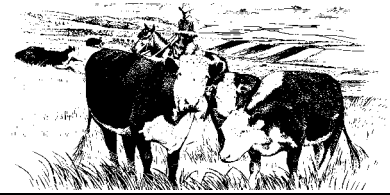


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest number of placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 385 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 540 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 650 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004, but 2 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 53.0 thousand during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 530 thousand head on September 1, 2005, unchanged from the previous month, but 2 percent above September 2004. During August, placements of 62.0 thousand head were 2 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 57.0 thousand head were 3 percent below August of 2004. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed August 1/			Placed During August		Marketed During August	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	294	313	106	30	35	26	33
California	520	530	102	63	62	59	57
Colorado	880	820	93	205	155	150	200
Idaho	235	250	106	58	51	47	50
Iowa	380	400	105	62	69	66	72
Kansas	2,120	2,190	103	520	520	495	490
Nebraska	1,750	1,730	99	420	415	360	365
New Mexico	127	134	106	23	28	19	24
Oklahoma	315	320	102	76	70	64	68
South Dakota	157	143	91	25	24	43	34
Texas	2,670	2,890	108	530	480	520	560
Washington	165	137	83	36	30	25	27
Other States	255	235	92	54	54	52	52
UNITED STATES	9,868	10,092	102	2,102	1,993	1,926	2,032
State	Other Disappearance During August 2/		Number On Feed September 1 1/		2005/2004		
	2004	2005	2004	2005			
	Thousand Head				Percent		
Arizona	2	1	296	314	106		
California	4	5	520	530	102		
Colorado	5	5	930	770	83		
Idaho	1	1	245	250	102		
Iowa	1	2	375	395	105		
Kansas	15	10	2,130	2,210	104		
Nebraska	10	10	1,800	1,770	98		
New Mexico	2	3	129	135	105		
Oklahoma	2	2	325	320	98		
South Dakota	1	1	138	132	96		
Texas	10	10	2,670	2,800	105		
Washington	1	1	175	139	79		
Other States	2	2	255	235	92		
UNITED STATES	56	53	9,988	10,000	100		

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during August 2005 totaled 128.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 11 percent above the previous month and 5 percent above August 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In August 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,324 pounds, calves 141 pounds, and hogs 232 pounds.

U.S. PORK AT RECORD HIGH FOR AUGUST

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in August 2004.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65.6 thousand, down 10 percent from August 2004. The average live weight, at 347 pounds, was 25 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229 thousand head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2005 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	113.6	119.9	150,667	158,773	1,326	1,324
U.S.	2,820.5	2,990.1	3,530,871	3,788,210	1,252	1,267
CALVES						
California	8.9	7.2	1,185	1,023	133	141
U.S.	72.7	65.6	23,431	22,755	322	347
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	233.0	229.3	30,190	30,664	130	134
HOGS						
California	214.8	233.9	50,985	54,172	237	232
U.S.	8,721.9	8,982.7	2,287,070	2,358,233	262	263
RED MEAT	Aug. 2004	July 2005	Aug. 2005	Aug. 05 Aug. 04	Aug. 05 July 05	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	122.0	115.2	128.1	105	111	
U.S.	3,879.6	3,615.9	4,098.7	106	113	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY-INSPECTED SLAUGHTER FOR REGIONS AND U.S., JANUARY-AUGUST 2005 1/

Standard Federal Regions <u>2/</u>	Cattle							Calves Total <u>3/</u>
	Total <u>3/</u>	Steers	Heifers	Cows			Bulls & Stags	
				All	Dairy	Other		
	1,000 Head							
1	6.9	2.5	1.3	---	---	---	---	3.7
2	40.6	12.4	2.2	23.5	22.2	1.3	2.5	121.6
3	570.6	247.7	---	258.0	209.3	48.7	---	106.6
4	441.7	8.3	2.4	370.6	81.2	289.4	60.3	---
5	2,170.9	940.9	270.3	902.6	476.8	425.8	57.0	183.7
6	4,143.9	2,269.7	1,361.8	432.4	93.4	339.0	80.0	5.5
7	10,041.8	5,799.1	3,815.1	370.0	24.6	345.4	57.6	0.2
8	1,865.0	979.3	---	---	---	---	---	---
9	1,196.6	630.0	53.0	488.1	433.8	54.3	25.6	60.6
10	754.7	381.9	214.8	140.1	81.2	58.9	18.0	---
U.S. <u>3/</u>	21,232.7	11,272.0	6,546.4	3,078.4	1,454.0	1,624.4	335.9	489.7
Standard Federal Regions <u>2/</u>	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total <u>3/</u>	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total <u>3/</u>	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	10.2	9.9	0.2	0.2	---	---	---	
2	93.8	91.3	1.3	1.2	94.2	11.4	82.8	
3	4,119.0	4,108.0	10.7	0.3	69.4	3.9	65.6	
4	10,703.8	10,118.5	572.6	12.7	23.1	9.4	13.7	
5	17,516.9	16,636.6	860.0	20.3	253.3	38.7	214.6	
6	3,586.5	3,426.2	159.6	0.6	18.8	0.8	18.1	
7	25,472.6	24,916.9	---	---	274.0	2.1	271.9	
8	3,132.6	3,091.6	40.9	0.1	700.8	13.9	686.9	
9	1,655.4	1,654.8	---	---	---	---	---	
10	237.0	236.2	0.6	0.1	13.2	1.0	12.2	
U.S. <u>3/</u>	66,527.9	64,290.1	2,053.6	184.2	1,687.0	87.3	1,599.7	

1/ Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

2/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

3/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

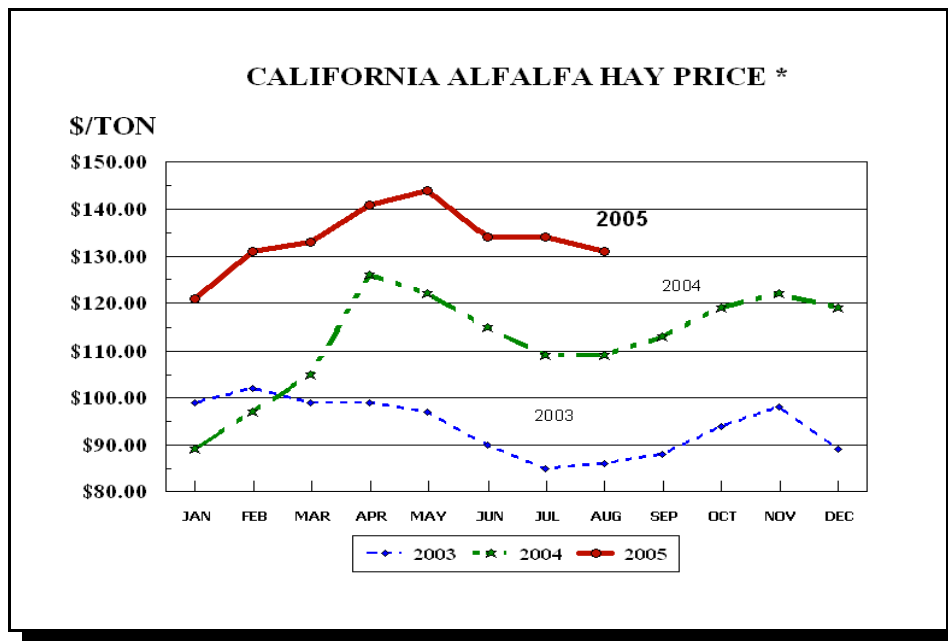
Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2004	July 2005	August 15, 2005	August 2004	July 2005	August 15, 2005
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	107.00	130.00	126.00	92.20	99.70	99.70
Alfalfa, Baled <u>2/</u>	Ton	109.00	134.00	131.00	99.30	109.00	109.00
Hogs <u>2/ 3/</u>	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.30	49.80	50.00
Cows <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	52.30	51.20	49.60	54.70	53.80	51.90
Steers and Heifers <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	90.00	85.40	85.10	91.00	88.40	88.00
Calves <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	108.00	117.00	112.00	131.00	132.00	131.00
Sheep <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	30.50	37.00	---	37.30	40.30	---
Lambs <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	86.00	101.00	---	97.90	109.00	---
Milk Cows <u>4/</u>	Head	---	1,800.00	---	---	1,830.00	---
All Milk Wholesale <u>2/</u>	Cwt.	13.65	13.83	13.90	14.90	14.80	14.70

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



*Includes All Qualities. Revised 2005 data.

Source: California Agricultural Statistics Service

California Cash Income by Commodity Groups, 2002-04

Source of Income	2002	2003	2004
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	12,966	59,450	51,612
Cattle and Calves	1,228,722	1,555,908	1,633,740
Chickens, All	452,359	537,029	714,581
Eggs	204,232	282,458	288,412
Hogs	21,646	27,605	39,855
Honey	31,020	44,702	17,726
Milk and Cream	3,832,501	4,027,837	5,365,992
Sheep and Lambs	51,968	68,861	57,612
Turkeys	158,026	150,718	169,937
Wool	1,620	2,765	2,822
Other Livestock/Poultry	275,154	285,842	280,851
TOTAL	6,270,214	7,043,175	8,623,140

Source of Income	2002	2003	2004
	\$1,000		
CHRISTMAS TREES	9,662	7,975	9,900
FIELD CROPS	2,664,420	2,964,772	2,930,457
FRUIT AND NUT CROPS	7,769,126	8,034,604	9,667,524
NURSERY, GREENHOUSE AND FLORICULTURE	3,310,099	3,449,943	3,318,247
VEGETABLE CROPS	6,585,731	7,426,022	7,285,918
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	26,609,252	28,926,491	31,835,185
FARM RELATED INCOME	1,719,739	1,254,908	2,430,662
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING 1/	28,328,991	30,181,399	34,265,847

1/ Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service